acquiring guns are being issued to villagers in remote areas to fight the militants and for self-defence.

Reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure

*314. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of security related expenditure reimbursed by Government to the terrorist affected States/Union Territories during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) the names of States to whom Government committed to reimburse the expenditure incurred during this period, alongwith the amount and period involved; and

(c) the reasons for unreasonable delay in reimbursement of such dues to Assam and by which time it will be reimbursed?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Government of India has reimbursed Rs. 781.40 crores as security related expenditure to the State of Jammu & Kashmir during 1993—98.

In the case of Punjab, no security related expenditure was reimbursed. However, it was decided to write off repayment obligation of the State for the balance unpaid instalments of principal and interest for the years 1997—2000 pertaining to the Special Term Loans given during the period 1984-85 to 1993-94 for combating insurgency and militancy in the State.

In the case of Assam, Government of India has reimbursed Rs. 131.91 crores in 1997-98 as full and final settlement for the period 1990—95.

Government is also committed to reimburse the security related expenditure in respect of the North Easter States with effect from 1.4.95.

(c) Further reimbursement of security related expenditure to Assam would be made after the guidelines for reimbursement of security related expenditure are approved by the Central Government and funds provided in the Budget.

Deaths of Santhal Community in Kokrajhar

*315. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of women and children of Santhal Community died in the relief camp in Kokrajhar, Assam, during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details and reasons for such large number of deaths in the relief camp;

(c) whether the supply of food and medicines were inadequate leading to hunger and disease; and

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to advise the State Government to occasionally monitor the relief operations?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Government of Assam, the number of women and children died in the relief camps from 1996 till date is as follows:—

Women	: 89
Children	: 232

(c) No Sir.

(d) Yes Sir. A Parliamentary team also visited the refugee camps in June 1997 and advised the State Government about the relief operations.

Action Plan to Combat Naxalite Violence

*316. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had convened a meetings of the Chief Minister of four States in Hy-